

Mary Succeeds on Main Street

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A COAL MINING CAREER

Did you ever think of combining your way to wealth and happiness? I did once. I was taken whirling into a long West Virginia mine "lead" on an electric car. I saw little slivers of diamonds bloom a whole wall of black diamonds, watched a great underground river flow in the distance. I saw the power that released with so little effort, not the fearlessness of being a mile underground, that I carried away with me. But our state laws have definite rules about women in mine workers. So the only chance to make good as an engineer. And little B. Gunn of Mid-Ohio, 35, has done just that. Not because she wanted a spectacular career. Far from it. It is because her husband needed help to acquire full ownership of a coal mine that she took over. She is now president of the Lower Lignite Mining company. Her husband, without capital or expectation of the inheritance that so often determines the ownership of the great underground wealth. But the two of them buckled down to a long systematic struggle that lasted more than two years.

Meanwhile there were children. The three of them have all graduated at high school, each with the highest standing in the class, thus setting a record for the Gunn family.

And there's the woman herself. Mrs. Gunn planned the inside of the residence, and was a newspaper prize for her arrangement. Then there's the world about them. Physically, it's wonderful. "We sit on our porch," reports Mrs. Gunn, "and look out on a million-dollar sunset every evening. We gaze at mountain scenery such as city people travel hundreds of miles to see. We have one of the purest water supplies that can be had anywhere."

But mentally and emotionally? Well, I asked Mrs. Gunn about that. "I've won a college education for my children," she answers first. "Then I went on. I did not come in contact with an uneducated foreign population, and my children's friends are purebred Americans. I've many delectable friends. I have a good deal of influence over the Middleboro schools. I'm a member of the Democratic state committee. And I've been asked to do a good deal of newspaper writing on local economics and politics. Besides, the human animal has been used to outdoor life and to family life through hundreds of generations. City life is antagonistic to the entire history of the race."

SEA UNLIMITED SOURCE OF POWER

Possibilities of Using It Described in Paris.

Paris.—The sea is an unlimited source of motor power, which can be obtained at a minimum cost, Prof. Georges Claude, one of France's leading natural scientists, told the Academy of Sciences, Professor Claude, who is the inventor of synthetic ammonia, exhibited a generator which he had constructed to get power from the sea.

The method on which Professor Claude and his associate, Professor Bouchard, are at work involves the utilization of the difference in temperature existing between the surface waters of tropical seas and the deeper waters, which are always kept very cold by intensive currents coming from the polar regions.

The natural scientist showed that steam emanating from the process of boiling surface water, although its pressure was only 30 atmospheres, could feed steam turbines which were hooked up by a vacuum which the ocean could maintain in the condenser. He claims that the power derived from the surface water would be equal to that which falling 100 meters could produce and that such power could be derived from the sea in unlimited quantities at the rate of 40,000 kilowatts for each 1,000 cubic meters of hot or cold water per second.

The installation of turbines to generate this power would not, Professor Claude asserted, cost more than the installation of those generating from even the most favored waterfalls in the world and would be free of the dangers of ice water brought from the depths create a cooling force with which effectively to combat the stifling heat and intense humidity of tropical climates. He hoped that the system could soon be put to use for the development of France's tropical colonies.

Bobbed-Haired Bandit Cured by Five-Year Term

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 26.—Hopper, has been granted a parole from state prison by Gov. W. W. Braden after she has served since March 13, 1926.

She was given ten years in the state penitentiary of Alabama after pleading guilty to sticking up M. F. Jones and Lee Beach on Oak street in Florence, Ala., and relieving both of their watches and a few dollars in cash.

Miss Hopper is a remarkably pretty girl, about twenty years of age. Under Alabama law highway robbery may be punishable by death, if imprisonment or a term of years is imposed in the state penitentiary. It was claimed at the time of this young woman's trial that her beauty influenced the verdict of the jury, hence she received but ten years.

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HAS SALT TO LAST FOR MILLION YEARS

Supply in Four States Insures Against Famine.

Washington.—Millions of years will elapse before the United States will suffer a shortage of salt such as that reported recently at Cuenca, Ecuador. It is estimated that 30,000,000,000,000 tons of salt, which would last 2,000,000 years at the present rate of consumption, are contained in a single deposit underlying an area 600 miles long and about 200 miles wide in portions of Kansas, Oklahoma, northwestern Texas and New Mexico. This is by far the largest known deposit in the world, and has scarcely been touched except in Kansas, where an extensive industry has been developed.

The shortage at Cuenca recalls the importance of salt in ancient times. The Germans believe the presence of salt in the soil gave it a peculiarly sacred character, and for salty streams they would wage war.

Valuable in Ancient Times. For centuries before the Christian era blocks of salt were used by districts of China bordering the ocean to pay tribute to the Chinese rulers. In China and Tibet the mineral was used as a medium of exchange.

Salt is a luxury to some of the native tribes of Central Africa, the natives among the pygmies. Gifts of salt have made it possible for the white man to penetrate into the interior of the continent. Even today, the natives of the Congo are traded for salt.

While some salt is produced by evaporation of sea water in localities along the coast, the vast majority of salt streams and lakes, most of our supply is extracted from deposits in the earth. This is done either by forcing water down holes reaching to the salt beds and evaporating the water, which is forced up and withdrawn, or by the systematic mining of the salt.

The most famous mines are the Wieliczka mines in Galicia, where the salt is constituted an underground city with its 45 miles of galleries, tunnels, and chambers. The mines are worked by more than 30,000 men, and their monuments, houses, churches, restaurants and railroad stations, all carved out of solid salt rock.

Even the massive, artificially piled, tunnelled canals in Germany, which are used for the transport of salt, are made of salt. There are subterranean rivers and lakes. One of the 16 lakes is navigable and a boat of 1200 tons has been reached.

Since the thirteenth century, the salt of 1200 tons has been reached. The less wonder of the world of salt. Produced annually in the United States, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kansas, and Louisiana rank foremost. Michigan is slightly in the lead, with New York close on her heels.

Water's Supply Large. The New York deposit alone will supply the demand of this country for thousands of years, although extensive operations have been carried on for a century. The deposit underlies an area of 2,000 square miles in the central part of the state and is from 8 to 35 feet thick.

Although salt is used principally for cooking and seasoning, it plays an important part in the great world industries. Large quantities are consumed in meat packing, fish curing, dyeing, tanning, refrigeration, pottery glazing, in the enamel and pipe works, in the silk and textile industries, in salted curing, and in many other industries. In the form of brine it is used in all chemical processes.

Every living thing would perish without salt, and a quantity is necessary to good health. Every tissue of the body has a small content of iodine, which may be supplied or renewed by the consumption of salt.

Before the invention of the cook pot and the establishment of the kitchen, our primitive ancestors ate raw food, in which was ample salt. The animals consumed salt, and their instinct directed them to salt water areas and outcroppings salt deposits. But the cooking process destroyed a large percentage of the salt in meat and it became necessary for human consumers to make up the deficiency. Thus the salt shaker found its way to the dining table.

Thousands of Rats Invade California Rice Farms

Sacramento, Calif.—Farmers of Glenn and Colusa counties are hoping that a pest which will tear their crops to shreds will be exterminated thousands of rats which recently centered an invasion in the rice fields of the Sacramento valley. The rats are being destroyed by the use of a device which is being distributed by the state department of agriculture.

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CONSTANTINOPLE MAY CHANGE NAME

City by the Bosphorus Known by Many Titles.

Washington.—The suggestion has been made in Turkey that Constantinople be renamed for Kemal Pasha, president of the republic.

Constantinople has had many names at various times, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters.

"Not for 400 years has Constantinople been Constantinople to the Turks. It is Istanbul to them. Some geographical titles experts hold that Istanbul has been abbreviated by the Turks from Constantinople just as the Turkish invaders heard the Greeks call it 'Konstantinoupolis,' literally 'city of Constantine,' and they changed it to 'Istanbul,' meaning 'the city of the sultan,' and 'Istanbul' is the true Moslem name."

"Emperor Constantine, for whom Constantinople is named, did not himself give it that name. On May 11, 330, A. D., Constantine called together a council in the newly completed city of Constantinople. It was a ceremony of the city's new name. The city, which had been called Byzantium, was now to be called Constantinople, in honor of the emperor Constantine who had just taken the city from the Romans."

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SO MANY ALIASES, FORGOT OWN NAME

Crook Apparently Puzzled for Some Time.

New York.—A criminal of many aliases was being interrogated by detectives. Most crooks are satisfied with one or two, but this particular crook found it convenient to have six or seven different names ready to use. And on different occasions he used each of his names. In one city he assumed the name of Jim Jones and in another the name of Tom Smith.

His captors were fairly familiar with his numerous aliases, and the mention of any one of them recalled the picture of a short, thick fellow with a long nose and a pair of small, fishy eyes. A detective had written the picture of a short, thick fellow with a long nose and a pair of small, fishy eyes. A detective had written the picture of a short, thick fellow with a long nose and a pair of small, fishy eyes.

The crook examined the list intently and appeared puzzled. "Hust if I know," he replied with a smile, "I know," he added apologetically, "I've been traveling under these names some so long that I've forgotten them. But it will come to me after a bit," and sure enough he soon recalled it. The crook was named Jim Jones.

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LOOK! Move up the date of your label.

Okaville

Shrieks of joy could be heard around Okaville High School Friday, Jan. 21st, as Exams were over. For the past week, the children have been giving the instructions while the teachers have been learning. One of the primary children realizing the importance of his home town, stated Okaville was the capital of Virginia. Other interesting information was: Tom Sawyer is a native negro boy; and Alaska is located in the extreme north west of South America.

The Jefferson Literary Society will hold its regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 21st. One interesting feature of the program is a debate. Resolved that butter milk instead of grape juice should be established as a national drink. The debaters are: Neola Barlow, Isabelle Martin, Christine Barlow and Rachel Jarsh.

The Community League will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock in the school building. The program for this month is in charge of the health committee, Miss Davidson Chairman.

The many friends of Mrs. E. B. Martin are very sorry to know that she is ill. They sincerely hope that she will improve rapidly.

Miss Agnes Davidson, a member of the Okaville faculty, spent the week-end in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith were the dinner guests of Mrs. T. E. Owen, on last Wednesday evening.

Among the out of town guests in Okaville were Mr. Lester Carson; and Miss Edythe Martin, of Liberty Chapel faculty.

EVERGREEN

It seems as January borrowed a few days from spring last week, just hope she will forget to return them.

The pretty weather of last week dried the roads out in some places, but the "pois" wagons have the day on our roads now, while the cars with their new license tags and "stickers" are having to stay in the garages and take their rest.

Mrs. A. J. Hardy who has been sick for some time we hope is improving.

Mrs. Sam Staples, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Mrs. S. J. Jennings, who has been in the Baptist hospital in Lynchburg for treatment is improving and hopes to return home soon.

Miss Lillie Harvey was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. H. Jennings Sunday.

Miss Edythe Lee was the week-end guest in the home of Mrs. J. J. Farrar last week.

Mr. Ernest Farrar entertained quite a number of his young friends Saturday night in honor of his birthday. All report a fine time and wish Ernest may have many more birthdays and celebrate each one with a party.

Mrs. Henry Dickerson and children, of Lynchburg, were the week-end guests of Mrs. C. S. Ranson last week.

Mr. John T. Farrar was a guest in Lynchburg last week.

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. Henry Simmons one night last week. A few household things were saved, they have the sympathy of the community as Mr. Simmons is in very bad health. They are now living in Mr. Hubert Martin's house.

Lewis Tucker Evans who has the scarlet fever is improving and hopes to return to school soon.

Mrs. Lillie Inge was the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Young last week.

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Friday School Lesson

For January 30

CHRISTIAN OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

TEXT: Luke 4:1-13; 1 Cor. 10:1-13

What is the meaning of the temptation? It is the struggle between the flesh and the spirit.

The temptation of Christ was a real temptation. He was tempted by the devil to turn stones into bread, to throw himself off the pinnacle of the temple, and to worship the devil.

Christ overcame the temptation by the power of the Holy Spirit. He was not overcome by the flesh, but by the spirit.

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